

a top plate showing side by side two scale bars corresponding to left and right hand, under each said scale bar a set of light and dark rectangular shapes representing piano keys, each said light and dark rectangular shape having a duration symbol placed above it;

an electrical system including an array of electrical switches which when activated in concert with an electrical power source, a wiring harness and electrical bulbs, illuminate their corresponding top plate diagram elements ie: rectangular shapes, duration symbols, left and right octave symbol markers, in the order and for the duration that matches the desired musical event, thus generating on the top plate an image of left and right hand indicia of claim 2.

4. The musical keyboard instruction device of claim 3 in which the sequence of indicia is driven by a control unit which processes encoded data representing musical piano events and is stored in a memory unit device.

5. The musical keyboard instruction device of claim 4 in which the electrical bulbs and top plate are replaced by a liquid cristal display driven by a display memory unit which stores the indicia shapes as digitally encoded data, and where the control unit processes encoded data stored in a CD rom device.

6. The musical keyboard instruction device of claim 3 in which the electrical bulbs and top plate are replaced by the monitor of a computer system running a musical keyboard instruction software which allows the user to select and load a data file from a removable medium memory device, then execute the instructions stored in said data file to sequentially display on the monitor the indicia of claim 2 representing musical piano events encoded in said data file.

7. A method of teaching piano music comprising a music sheet comprising sets of indicia thereon corresponding to particular musical sequences of notes, said indicia comprising two distinct and separate parts, one indicating the precise location of the piano keys to be struck, the other indicating the order and the duration of the notes involved.

8. A method as described in claim 7, wherein said music sheet is replaced by an electro-optical display device.

9. The musical keyboard instruction device of claim 1, wherein said indicia are pianopics.

Musical Keyboard Instruction Device
cont.

10. The system described in claim 2, wherein said indicia are pianopics.
11. The system described in claim 3, wherein said indicia are pianopics.
12. The system described in claim 4, wherein said indicia are pianopics.
13. The system described in claim 5, wherein said indicia are pianopics.
14. The system described in claim 6, wherein said indicia are pianopics.
15. A method as described in claim 7, wherein said indicia are pianopics.
16. A method as described in claim 8, wherein said indicia are pianopics.

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